Educator's Guide to RUReadyND.com and Supporting Lesson Plans

What is RUReadyND.com?

- **RUReadyND.com** is North Dakota's career information, test preparation and decision-making system.
- It is provided to all North Dakota middle and high school students free of charge through Student Loans of North Dakota with training and support provided by the North Dakota Career Resource Network.
- This web-based planning tool allows students to develop 4-year plans, complete career assessments, search for postsecondary institutions, find scholarships, prepare for the ACT, and much more.
- Students create online portfolios that can be accessed anywhere at any time, to store their work and save information throughout their school career. The secure and confidential system also allows educators to review the students' portfolios and collect statistical data.

What are the Benefits to Educators?

- Customize courses to match school offerings and graduation requirements.
- Meet the HB1400 requirements by utilizing the Interest Assessments and the Course Plan Builder to create plans of study with students.
- Monitor students' progress in developing academic and career plans.
- Obtain lesson plans and activities that incorporate **RUReadyND.com** into the existing curriculum.
- Research current career development findings through a library of white pages.
- Assist parents and students with college and career exploration and federal student aid.

Why RUReadyND.com?

- **RUReadyND.com** meets all the latest industry standards.
- The system meets ASCA, CTE, and ACSCI standards and supports NCLB objectives.
- **RUReadyND.com** provides a safe, secure personal account for you and your students and parents.
- These programs provide educators, students and parents with secure personal accounts protected by the same technology used by online banking services. It also employs strict protection policies and complies with COPPA regulations.
- **RUReadyND.com** provides accountability.
- Data elements from schools utilizing **RUReadyND.com** are reported to the North Dakota Career Resource Network at the Department of Career and Technical Education. In addition, educators can compile data from the student population at individual schools and districts.
- **RUReadyND.com** is regularly updated.
- The latest career statistics, salary information and college options are constantly added and refined to provide the most current data possible. System enhancements are also made on a regular basis.

Access RUReadyND.com Today!

- You can access the program by visiting the website at www.rureadynd.com. Students and educators can easily create portfolios on this site and obtain other information about the program.

RUReadyND.com Strives to Make Your Job Easier!

- Lesson plans are available to help every educator incorporate career development into the classroom. The activities can easily be added to existing curriculum plans. The following tips provide some useful information to help make using the plans easier.
- Remember that these plans may be adapted as necessary to meet your needs and time restraints.
- The scope and sequence with which these plans are used will depend on your school and the grade level at which you start using RUReadyND.com. The lessons are written to provide educators with a sequential walk through each program tool.
- Each lesson is designed to be approximately 1 class period in length. As you work through each lesson, remember that some of the graphics may look different if a student has already done some prior work with the program. There is no answer guide as most of the answers will vary with student choices. As student's work through the lessons, be sure to encourage them to save any valuable information to their portfolio. Some lessons have specifically asked that student's journal their thoughts and plans at various points in their work. Journaling can be added to each lesson or at any time it is appropriate and will provide the student and educator with additional insight to a student's progress.
- Always check the computer requirements to be sure your computer lab is set up for optimum use of the program. This will save time and create a more satisfying experience. The system requirements can be found with the lesson plans on the website and can also be accessed by clicking on "Browser Requirements" at the bottom of any page of the RUReadyND.com website.
- These activities lend themselves well to prepare students for Extended Learning Activities.

Need Help?

- The North Dakota Career Resource Network offers free training and support to North Dakota educators. You can receive the help you need to navigate the system and implement the program in your school.
- Training will be offered through your Regional Career Resource Coordinator.
- If you would like to attend a training session, please contact the ND Career Resource Network at 701.328.9733 or visit www.nd.gov/cte/crn/workshops.html to view the online training calendar.